GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
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DROUGHT AFFECTED AREAS
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any survey has been conducted in the country particularly in each district of Bihar regarding drought affected areas during the last three years;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT

(A.RAJA)
(a) & (b) No Sir.

(c) The Drought Prone Areas Programme was reviewed in detail including identification of drought prone areas for coverage under the programme by a High Level Technical Committee under the Chairmanship of Prof. C.H. Hanumantha Rao, Ex-Member, Planning Commission in 1994. On the basis of the recommendations of the Committee, 121 Blocks in 16 districts (which have now become 18 on account of bifurcation of Hazaribagh and Sahibganj districts) of Bihar have been included for coverage under the programme. Further, on the recommendations of th Committee, detailed guidelines for watershed development under the programme have been issued by the Ministry in October, 1994, which became effective from 1st April, 1995. As such, no further survey has again been conducted afterwards for drought affected areas.